

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated October 3, 2003. Claims 1-3 and 5-6 remain pending in this application. Claims 1 and 2 are the independent claims. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.


In response to the Office Action's objection to the drawing, Applicants respectfully request that new Fig. 5, incorporating several steps be entered. Two (2) copies of Fig. 5 are herewith included. Fig. 5 contains no new matter. Applicants respectfully believe that the addition of Fig. 5 renders the objection moot and respectfully request its withdrawal.

In response to the objection to the specification, Applicants respectfully submit that support for the claimed subject matter of Claims 1 and 2 can at least be found, for example, on page 3, lines 8-26 of Applicants' specification. Applicants respectfully traverse the Office Action's objection to the specification.

On the merits, the Office Action rejected Claims 1-3 and 5-6 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Applicants respectfully believe the amendments to Claims 1 and 2 adequately respond to the rejection and request its withdrawal.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submits that the currently-pending claims are believed allowable. Accordingly, entry of this amendment and allowance of this application is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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